

JFK Weekly Newsletter

Friday, October 8, 2021 Sara Raabe, JFK Principal

Early Literacy Skills Local Assessment

As a school district, we completed a full literacy audit last year. One of the suggestions from that audit was including an early literacy screener in our local assessment plan. We identified DIBELS as our assessment tool.

DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. DIBELS was developed to measure early literacy skills related to reading outcomes for students. We will be using it to look at individual student's early literacy skills and measure their growth.

On October 7th and 8th, our DIBELS team was at the Stern center for 2 days of training. Our DIBELS team is:

- Jacie Barber, JFK Literacy Coach
- Jody Weimer, Literacy Interventionist
- Jennifer LaPointe, Literacy Interventionist
- Sarah Forbes, Multi Lingual Teacher
- Lisa Dold, Special Educator

Our DIBELS team will be completing the DIBELS assessment with students annually in grades K-2 in October, January, and May.

Indigenous Peoples' Day

Monday is Indigenous Peoples' Day. The holiday formerly known as Columbus Day was officially recognized by Vermont as "Indigenous Peoples' Day", starting in 2019. A bill was introduced to the VT Legislature to change the holiday from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day and Governor Scott signed the bill into law in May, 2019. The movement to change the day from Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day actually began in 1977 by Indigenous activists. There are 14 states that do not celebrate Columbus Day, and instead celebrate Indigenous Peoples day, although in some states it is called Native American Day. Some cities within states that celebrate Columbus Day have switched to recognizing the day as Indigenous People's Day. Some states recognize Columbus Day on the traditional day, and Indigenous People's Day on a different date.

Although banks and other federal institutions will be closed on Monday, we will have school. Please be sure to send your students at 8am on Monday!

Important Dates

Friday, October 15, 2021

No School

Thursday, October 21, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

Friday, October 22, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

Thursday, November 18, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

JFK Parent Teacher Conferences via Zoom

Friday, November 19, 2021

11:00am Early Dismissal

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Monday, November 22, 2021

No School

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

No School

Wednesday, November 24, 2021

No School

Thursday, November 25, 2021

No School

Friday, November 26, 2021

No School

Wednesday, December 15, 2021


12:15 Early Dismissal





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